In the Specification:

Page 1   Under the title, please insert the following:

-- **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims the priority of PCT/GB2005/001300 filed on April 1, 2005,

and, GB 0407544.6 filed on April 2, 2004, the entire contents of which are

hereby incorporated in total by reference. --

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Description of the Drawings

An embodiment of the present invention will now be described, by way of

further example only, with reference to the accompanying drawing<u>s</u> <u>in</u> which<u>:</u>

<u>Figure 1</u> illustrates examples of monolithic and micro kernel architectures;

<u>Figure 2 illustrates a procedure for waiting on a fast mutex in accordance with an</u>

<u>embodiment of the present invention;</u>

<u>Figure 3 illustrates a procedure for releasing a fast mutex in accordance with an</u>

<u>embodiment of the present invention; and</u>

<u>Figure 4 illustrates a procedure for optimising both waiting for and releasing a</u>

<u>fast mutex in a single processor (non-SMP) system.</u>